

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicants have canceled previously pending claims 1-34 and have added new claims 35-50. Accordingly, claims 35-50 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 18-19, 21-24, 26-29, and 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sylvain (US 7,366,183). The Applicants have canceled claims 18-19, 21-24, 26-29, and 31-34. New claims 35-50 are submitted to better distinguish the claimed invention from Sylvain. The Examiner's consideration of the new claims is respectfully requested.

It is noted firstly, that the Applicants' invention relates to wireless users. In prior art methods of discovering shared multimedia capabilities, after a voice call is established between two wireless users, one of the terminals sends a capabilities request message toward the other terminal. So an additional air interface message is required. (Page 1, line 35 through page 2, line 4). A main objective of the Applicants' invention is to discover multimedia service capabilities shared between two wireless users while *minimizing messages sent over the air interface*. (Specification, page 2, lines 21-22).

New independent claims 35, 41, and 47 recite a method, system, and server for minimizing a number of messages sent over a radio interface between a wireless communication network and first and second mobile User Equipments (UEs) by automatically discovering a shared multimedia (SMM) service capability of the two UEs. The circuit-switched network sets up a voice call as normal. Thereafter, the users do not have to request the SMM service capabilities of the other user because the circuit-switched network automatically requests the packet-switched network to determine whether the two UEs have shared capabilities. If they do, the packet-switched network

sends an SMM-Notification message to the first and second UEs indicating that they have matching SMM service capabilities.

Although Sylvain discloses a procedure for discovering shared multimedia service capabilities, none of the illustrated scenarios are between two wireless users. There is no way to know what the Sylvain solution would do since there is no wireless-to-wireless call illustrated, and particularly, no wireless originator. Thus, there is no teaching or suggestion of the Applicants' claimed invention. Therefore the allowance of independent claims 35, 41, and 47 is respectfully requested.

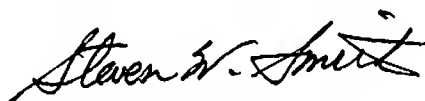
Dependent claims 36-40, 42-46, and 48-50 depend from base claims 35, 41, and 47, respectively, and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claims 35, 41, and 47. Therefore, the allowance of claims 36-40, 42-46, and 48-50 is respectfully requested.

3.) Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 35-50.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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